MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31st, 1883.

Remaining in Hospital January 1st, 1883	50
" " December 31st, 1883	48
Admissions :	
Medical	203
Surgical	139
Confinements	34
Births	39
	415
Discharges :	
Cured	254
Improved	141
Died	22
	417
Out Patients	92
Total number of days	17496
Average stay of each patient	42¼ days
Average cost per day	62 cents

DETAILED STATEMENT

Of Expenditures of the London General Hospital for the quarter ending December 31st, 1883.

Butchers' Meat	$423 95
Butter	121 95
Flour, Bread and Meal	140 94
Milk	154 80
Tea and Coffee	10 20
Potatoes and other vegetables	72 80
Groceries and Provisions not enumerated	167 52
Drugs and Medicines	179 31
Beer, Wines and Spirits	27 15
Bedding, Napiery and General House Furnishings	841 70
Brooms, Brushes, Mops, Soap and Cleaning Appliances	56 20
Fuel	348 18
Light, Gas, Oil and Candles	146 00
Ice Supply	41 60
Salaries and Wages	600 25
Coffins and Funerals	5 50
Contingencies	84 30
Repairs Ordinary	132 02
Extraordinary Repairs, Alterations and Additions to Buildings	969 02
	$4523 39
Cash receipts for paying patients	$455 88

DETAILED STATEMENT

Of Expenditures of the London General Hospital for the year 1883.

Butchers' Meat	$1675 47
Butter	470 49
Flour, Bread and Meal	508 03
Milk	584 38
Tea and Coffee	197 39
Potatoes and other vegetables	214 98
Groceries and Provisions not enumerated	785 55
Drugs and Medicines	761 46
Beer, Wines and Spirits	142 80
Bedding, Napiery and General House Furnishings	1316 67
Brooms, Brushes, Mops, Soap and Cleaning Appliances	158 55
Fuel	619 17
Light, Gas, Oil and Candles	462 15
Hay and Straw	40 77
Clothing for patients including Boots and Shoes	8 20
Ice Supply	41 60
Salaries and Wages	2209 50
Coffins and Funerals	235 87
Contingencies	211 63
Repairs ordinary	351 64
Extraordinary Repairs, Alterations and Additions to Buildings	5512 91
	$16509 21

Report taken up clause by clause, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th passed and 5th read.

The Engineer stated the work had not been properly done and a deduction from the account should be made.

Mr. Douglas said the cause of this trouble was that the Engineer was down on him, and had been all summer. He said he could get nothing but abuse from the Engineer all summer, and he (the Engineer) had helped to get up the petition against him.

The Engineer denied the allegation emphatically.

Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the account be paid in full.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the account be referred to No 3 Committee.

Ald. Hunt stated that he had received a letter from the City Solicitor, in which he said that accounts to be passed must have the Engineer's certificate but that Mr. Douglas might appeal to the Council.

Ald. Becher's motion was lost on the casting vote of the chair.

Ald. O'Meara then moved as follows, seconded by Ald. Browne :

That Mr. Douglas be paid the balance of his contract less such amounts as may be due for breakages of hydrants and other charges from Water Commissioners' Office.

Ald Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer and carried :

That the amounts allowed for rebate of water rate for 1883 be also deducted from said contract price.

The understanding was that this resolution was in effect a rider to Ald. O'Meara's motion.

Clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9 passed.

THE TIME BALL ACCOUNT.

After explanations by Mr. E. B. Reed and a long discussion, the time-ball account of $74 was passed.

REPORT OF NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman :

1. Passage of pay rolls and accounts to the amount of $2, 45 02.

2. That petition of A. M. Gunn be referred to the Council for adjustment, your committee having no power to deal with it.

3. That the petition of Mrs. O'Dell and others for a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Wellington and Waterloo streets, be granted, and that tenders be called for the same, Council to charge a rental for its use.

4. Recommend that Mr. Edge be refunded $16 for repairs done on Richmond street sewer.

5. That $60 be paid Moses Cox for extra work done on the Ridout street sewer.

6. That the account of Isaac Crouse for stonework at abutments of Victoria Bridge be referred to the joint committee on bridges.

7. Report caretaker of exhibition grounds and buildings.

8. Your committee recommend that the salary of the Exhibition Grounds caretaker be increased $50 per annum.

9. That owing to a mistake in the measurement taken by the contractor, Mr. Cathro, of the roof of the City Hall, your Board would recommend that he be allowed an additional allowance of $130.

In conclusion, your Board has pleasure in informing you that the within report includes all accounts chargeable to 1883 as far as we are aware, except balances on sewers not completed. It is unnecessary for us to recommend any particular line of action in the future, only that the improvements inaugurated by your Board in 1883 be carried out as regards our streets and sidewalks.

Taken up clause by clause, First passed and second read.

The petition of A. M. Gunn and others for the $150 rebate was read.

Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the petition be filed. Carried.

Clause 3 read. Ald. Hyman and Ald. O'Meara—Motion that the clause be struck out. Carried.

Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 passed, and 8 reap

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the clause be so amended as to make it a recommendation to the Council of 1884. Carried.

Clause 9 read and passed.

Ald. Hyman being unwell, the following report was read by Ald. Becher.

TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

1. Payment of the following accounts:

Printing and advertising	$ 272 07
Hospital for December	1,465 06
Relief for December	403 28
Advertising in Catholic Record	9 60
Fire Department, pay sheet	869 17
December accounts	290 53
Official salaries	3,165 00
W. R. Meredith, law expenses	1,145 55
Total	$7,620 75

2. That the petition of Widow Hayes for tax remission be granted.

3. That the petition of Honora Kennedy for remission of taxes for 1883 be filed.

4. That the petition of Amos Weston, claiming error in sewer rate charged, be granted, by allowing $2 88, the amount of error.

5. That the petition of Geo. Brown, for allowance on taxes for 1883, be filed.

6. That the petition of Mrs. O'Brien to allow taxes of 1883 and arrears of taxes to be charged against the land, be not granted, but that three months be allowed to pay said taxes.

7. That the petitions of John Skinner, B. Crosby, Mary and C. A. Stone and James Bell for remission of income tax be filed, your committee having no jurisdiction.

8. Your committee beg to report progress in the petitions of John Williams, H. E. Nelles, Finlay McNeill, Southam & Brierly and Jessie McEwen.

9. That the petition and claim of E. H. Gustin, errors in personal property tax, be filed, your committee having no power.

10. Your committee beg to recommend in answer to the circular of P. H. Chabot, chairman Assessment Committee, Ottawa, that your honorable body send two delegates to meet representatives from other municipalities to discuss proposed amendments to the present Assessment Act, and that Ald. Moore and Ald. Skinner be appointed to attend the convention in Toronto on the 15th inst.

11. Re the communication of Gen. Renwick complaining of parties occupying his property, south of Trafalgar street, being improperly assessed ; that the attention of the assessors for the year 1884 be called to the same, and the necessary corrections made by them.

12. That the City Solicitor be instructed to make application to the Legislature, at its next session, for an act to authorize the city of London to invest its Sinking Fund in the purchase of debentures other than those for which the said Sinking Fund was raised or may be raised.

13. Police Court Clerk's report for December.

14. Your committee, in presenting their last report for 1883, beg to refer to some of the matters brought before them during the year, and to show the attendance of the members for the year. There have been 26 meetings called, at two only of which there was no quorum present, and one of the meetings had two sessions. Mayor Meredith was present 13 times, absent 14 ; Ald. Hyman present 25, absent 2 ; Ald. Labatt present 23, absent 4 ; Ald. Skinner present 22, absent 5 ; Ald. Becher present 20, absent 7.

15. Your committee have taken into careful consideration the Sinking Funds of the city and before going out of office have caused to be deposited in the Savings Bank Branch, Canadian Bank of Commerce, the several amounts raised for the Sinking Fund of 1883, as follows: Sinking Fund "A," against debentures of Consolidated Act of 1872, $10,839 82 ; Sinking Fund "B," debentures L., H. & B. R. bonus, $5,250 ; Sinking Fund "C," waterworks debentures, $6,825 ; Sinking Fund "D," last debenture issue ($175,000) $1,317 01; total, 24,231 83.

16. Your committee have examined the receipts and expenditures of the year, and after taking into consideration the probable outstandings, have every confidence in reporting that the total will be within the estimates of the year. The item of receipts, however, estimated to be received from the Guarantee Company, amounting to $8,716 78, has been disputed, and the claim of the city has been placed in the hands of your solicitor to collect.

17. Your committee recommend that in future all accounts be referred to No. 1 Committee before payment, and that said committee include in their report to the Council the accounts from the different committees.

18. Your committee have much pleasure in testifying to the efficient manner in which the officers of the corporation under the control of your committee have performed the services required of them during the year.

Taken up clause by clause ; 1, 2, 3 and 4 passed and 5 read.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment that half the taxes be remitted. Ald. Stringer seconded. Carried.

Clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9 passed and 10 referred back to committee.

Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 passed and 17 read.

Ald. Cowan moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that the clause be struck out. Lost, and clause passed. Last clause passed.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. Hyman stated that an inaccuracy appeared in the published reports of the last meeting of No. 1 in reference to the getting of advice from the City Solicitor. What